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On the fly

Over the weekend, fly fishers lined the Swift River, hoping to get a bite or two. The fly fishing area is a catch and release area often stocked with different species of trout.

PHOTO BY MELINA BOURDEAU

BELCHERTOWN

Town pool project receives bids, board discusses opening

MELINA BOURDEAU
Staff Writer

BELCHERTOWN – The selectboard discussed the reopening plan for the Chestnut Hill Pool, tabling the approval for its next meeting, when there will be more information on the repairs to the pool deck.

Belchertown Recreation Department Director Kyle Thibeault provided an update on the pool deck repair.

When the project was put out to bid the first time, but no bids were submitted. When it was rebid, two bids were received.

A representative from Tighe and Bond, which did the bid process, was going through the bids.

“We have a low bidder, which is Edward Paige Corp. they are out of Westwood,” he said. “They came in over what Tighe and Bond originally estimated the cost would be. The low bid is \$56,900.”

The award letter was scheduled to be sent out at some point this

week.

“We’re trying work diligently, get everything done and have a timetable,” Thibeault said. “To have that information on here’s when they’ll be in there, here’s when the recommend to reopen so we can get that information out to the selectboard and the community as soon as possible.”

Town Administrator Gary Brougham said once the town gets an idea on the contractor’s availability, they can determine when the pool will open.

“If it’s immediate, we’ll delay the opening,” he said. “Or if it’s going to be eight, 10 or 12 weeks, we can open the pool and schedule a shut down time...when it’s least disruptive. Folks are anxious to have the pool reopen.”

Aquatics Director MaryJean Furnia presented the changes to the reopening plan for the pool to the board as well. The Board of Health approved the reopening plan.

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PROJECT 351



Scott Welsh of Fire District 1 speaks to representatives of Project 351.

A simple thank you

Gifts distributed to first responders

DALTON ZBIERSKI
Staff Writer

REGION – Recently, 100 Granby and South Hadley first responders were surprised as they became the recipients of care packages courtesy of Project 351.

Two local representatives of the youth-led service group partook in the initiative on Sept. 11, expressing gratitude for emergency personnel on the 19th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

“We made little care packages for all the police and first responders in South Hadley and Granby,” said Granby Junior/

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GRANBY

Selectboard to interview candidates for fire chief

MELINA BOURDEAU
Staff writer

GRANBY – The selectboard is continuing the process to get an interim fire chief as the acting Fire Chief’s retirement is held off until Nov. 14.

In its meeting on Monday, the selectboard unanimously approved appointing acting Fire Chief Bruce Carpenter as fire services assistant administrator.

After he retires he will continue working for the town, Town Administrator Secretary Cathy Leonard told the board.



TIME-WISE THE TOWN NEEDS TO HAVE A TERM LIMIT.”

GLENN SEXTON
SELECTBOARD CHAIR

“Right now...he couldn’t wear a uniform or anything else (after he retires),” Leonard said.

Appointing him to the position of fire services assistant administrator will keep him ‘at the desk’ according to Leonard.

Leonard told the board they needed a date for the term to end.

Since June 1, Carpenter, who was previously deputy chief, has been working as acting chief of the department, however he notified the board in early August that he would be retiring in September.

Selectboard Chair Glenn Sexton suggested Nov. 14, which would give the board a couple of months to get a replacement.

“If we need to extend it or retract it for a sooner date, we can do that as well,” he said. “Time-wise the town needs to have a term limit.”

The board unanimously approved the motion.

Sexton then informed the board that five resumes were submitted for the position.

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Stormwater Utility Fee Information Guide

What Is a Stormwater Utility?

Belchertown is constantly striving to reduce the amount of polluted stormwater runoff that discharges to waterways. Since 2003, Belchertown has monitored stormwater systems under the legislation of Clean Water Act. A municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) permit issued under the Clean Water Act is currently in place with the aims of regulating stormwater discharges to improve water quality. The MS4 updated in 2016, and went into effect on July 1, 2018. This has required the Town to increase its investment in stormwater infrastructure without any funding by the federal government.

While Belchertown is required to incur these increased costs, it does have choices about how to fund the work.

The Town currently plans to accrue money though a **stormwater utility fee**, which is based on user fees for the amount of hardened or **impervious surfaces**—such as parking lots, driveways and buildings—that causes stormwater runoff on each parcel.

Like water and sewer fees, a stormwater utility allocates costs based on the amount of use, in this case, the amount of stormwater being generated.

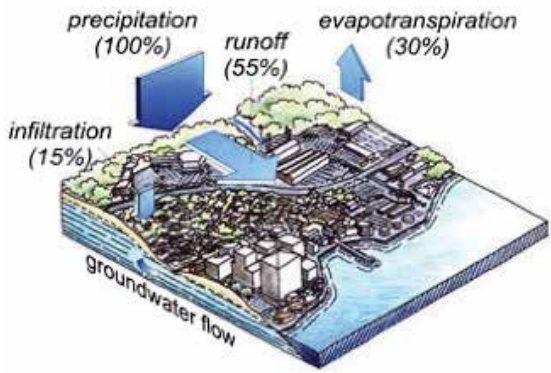
Reasons to Increase User Fees Rather Than Continuing to Rely on Other Taxes for Funding

- Equity:** Stormwater utility fees will be based on the amount of impervious cover on each property, basing the cost of the fee on individual demand placed on the drainage system.
- Transparency:** Fees added to the stormwater enterprise fund would be used only for stormwater, they **would be consolidated into one account**, and would automatically roll over for future use if there was a surplus.
- Consistency:** Fee-based revenues provide consistent funding for long-term investments and annual maintenance needs, thus **reducing long-term costs**.
- Incentives:** A stormwater utility encourages property owners to reduce impervious cover. Over time, this **reduces pollution, flooding, and the Town’s costs**. Credit will also be available for properties that meet stormwater management requirements.

What is Polluted Stormwater Runoff?
Developed areas like Belchertown include many parking lots, buildings, roadways and other hardened “impervious surfaces.” When it rains, water runs off impervious surfaces and picks up pet waste, oil, sand, fertilizers, and other pollutants. It then flows into gutters and storm drains, which discharge it directly into the nearest waterway.
Polluted stormwater runoff is the single largest source of pollution to Belchertown’s ponds and waterways. On a larger scale, **76 rivers, streams, lakes and ponds in the Pioneer Valley have been “impaired” in some way by stormwater runoff.**



Sample groundwater statistics for an undeveloped area



Sample groundwater statistics for the same area after development

Stormwater Runoff is a Major factor in flooding. Impervious surfaces are also a major factor in flooding problems. Everyone who owns or uses any impervious surfaces contributes to the creation of stormwater runoff. Given everyone depends on Belchertown’s stormwater system it is critical the impacts be minimized.

What is Stormwater Infrastructure?

Belchertown’s stormwater infrastructure collects runoff from all over town through a network of 136 outfalls, 1,259 catch basins, 366 manholes, about 30.5 miles of drain pipe, and 800 feet of culverts, all of which have an estimated replacement value of approximately \$25 million. The system discharges directly into local waterways, which are themselves a critical part of Belchertown’s stormwater system.

How is Belchertown’s Infrastructure Maintained?

Belchertown must actively maintain its stormwater system through tasks such as street sweeping and catch basin cleaning, drainage structure repair and replacement, and general stormwater maintenance.

Belchertown’s Current Stormwater Budget
For FY’19, Belchertown’s stormwater budget amounted to \$120,000.

FY21 Stormwater Costs: \$343,782.00	
Operation and Maintenance Street Sweeping, Catch Basin cleanout, etc.	\$121,382
Wages for MS4 compliance	\$174,200
Engineering Costs	\$45,700
Office & Public Notice	\$2500

What Properties Are Covered?

The fee applies to all parcels that have impervious cover except for public roadways. This includes residential and commercial properties as well as nonprofit and tax exempt properties. It also applies to parcels owned by the state government and town.

Has This Been Done in Other Places?

Stormwater utilities are common across the country, with more than 1,400 in operation. They are less common in MA but about twenty communities have implemented or authorized a utility already including: Ashland, Canton, Chelmsford, Chicopee, Dracut, Fall River, Gloucester, Millis, Milton, Reading, Newton, Northampton, Westfield, Westford and Yarmouth.

How is the Fee Calculated?

The basic “flat rate” for a stormwater fee is calculated by dividing the amount to be raised, by the total area of impervious cover (IA) in the town excluding public roadways. Billing units are assessed at a rate of 1 BU per 1,000 s.f. of impervious area, with normal rounding rules, Average revenue required to run the program, pay for credits, and cover billing and collections to be billed for the first three years. Years 4 and 5 may have a small increase due to the permit requirements for capital improvements

Program Revenue Need	Flat Rate (1,000 SF IA)	
FY21 \$343,782.00	\$9.60/yr per 1,000 SF	\$48.00/5BU (average property has 5 Billing Units)

Feel Free to Contact the Town of Belchertown with any Questions About Your Bill or any other Stormwater Concerns!

Email is strongly preferred:
stormwater@belchertown.org

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COMMUNITY

Online silent auction to benefit Hope UMC

STAFF REPORT

BELCHERTOWN – Hope United Methodist Church is holding an online silent auction that will feature various types of art-work and handcrafts.

The auction kicks off this Saturday, Sept. 26.

There will be some great local photography on canvas or framed and beautiful quilts including a Harley Davidson quilt made with brand new Harley T-shirts from across the US. A large variety of other items are being added daily, paintings, glasswork and many other beautifully sewn and quilted goods.

Many of these items have been created and donated by members of the church. A few items have been donated by generous folks from the Belchertown community.

Bidders also will be able to bid to have a sweater knitted especially for them, a cake decorated for a special occasion, or get a certificate for this year's Christmas tree.

"This is such a wonderful variety of auction items that everyone is sure to find something that they love. It will be a great opportunity to do some holiday shopping as well!" Auction organizer, Alice Collins, said.

Fundraising has been difficult this year for many organizations that rely on those types of events and the church leadership hopes that this will be a fun way for people to get some of the great



A silent auction is being held to benefit Hope United Methodist Church beginning on Sept. 26.

COURTESY PHOTO

handcrafted items that they would normally find at holiday bazaars and art shows. The auction can be found online at www.32auctions.com/HopeUMC2020. The website is open to view items now. Bidding will start on Sept. 26 at 9 a.m. and will close on the following Saturday, Oct. 3 at 8 p.m.

All the information about paying for and picking up items is on the website. The proceeds from this event will help to support the ministries and missions of Hope UMC.

Questions can be directed to the church office, btownhopeumc@gmail.com or 323-7584.

Belchertown Town Clerk update

STAFF REPORT

BELCHERTOWN – If you would like to receive your Nov. 3 ballot by mail, the town of Belchertown asks that you submit your application soon.

"We are getting packages ready to mail and as soon as we receive the ballots from the state, they will be going out," said Town Clerk Colleen Toothill-Berte.

Applications can be found attached to the drop box at Town Hall or email clerk@belchertown.org or call the office and to get one to you.

All applications received to date have been processed and you can check your status at www.trackmyballotma.com.

Over 4,000 have been received so far.

If your application has been received your status will show as pending and it will change to the date mailed when the clerk's office mails out your ballot.

If you have sent in an application and you cannot find your record on www.trackmyballotma.com, call the clerk's office so they can help.

Last day to register to vote in the Nov. 3 election is Oct. 24.

You can check your voter registration status as well as register to vote at www.registertovotema.com.

As always, the clerk's office is here to help so contact them at clerk@belchertown.org or 323-0281.

BOAT to host candlelight vigil

STAFF REPORT

BELCHERTOWN – There will be a candlelight vigil on the Belchertown Common to remember people who have lost their lives to an overdose and honor those in recovery hosted by Belchertown Overcoming Addiction Together.

The event will be on Sept. 30 from 6 to 8 p.m. with a rain date of Oct. 1.

Black luminary bags are avail-

able in a marked container next to the main entrance of the Town Hall.

Return a decorated bag to the same box before 4 p.m. on Sept. 30. The public is welcome to view the luminary bags while wearing masks and social distancing. Attendees are encouraged to walk through and depart promptly to maintain compliance with the town ordinances.

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Photographer Shawn Carey will show animals and birds photographed in Tanzania in the first virtual event for the Quabbin Photo Group on Sept. 28

Quabbin Photo group hosts virtual event

‘Tanzania: A Photographer’s Journey’

STAFF REPORT

BELCHERTOWN – The Quabbin Photo Group will hold its first meeting for its new 2020-2021 Season via Zoom on Sept. 28 at 7:30 p.m.

Join wildlife photographer Shawn Carey on an adventure into the heart of Tanzania.

Viewers will be get a look at the country’s spectacular national parks and see the “Big Five” – African elephant, black rhino, cape buffalo, lion and leopard – in all their glory. Along the way, they will search for and photograph cheetahs, giraffes, black-backed jackals and hippos. And encounter a panoply of Tanzania’s wonderful and amazing birds, including the greater flamingo, lilac-breasted roller, little bee-eater, giant kingfisher, and grey-crowned crane, the country’s national bird.

If you’ve ever dreamed of visiting East Africa and its incredible wildlife, this is a journey you’ll never forget. And it may just have you planning your own African adventure.

All meetings of the Quabbin Photo Group are free of charge. If you would like to join the meeting, contact Gail Platz at gspqpg@gmail.com.



The Quabbin Photo Group is hosting its first event of the 2020-2021 season, called “Tanzania: A Photographer’s Journey.”

Belchertown Community Television schedule

Thursday, Sept. 24

- 8 a.m. – Selectboard – Sept. 21
- 10 a.m. – School Committee – Sept. 22
- 12 p.m. – Planning Board – Sept. 22
- 6 p.m. – Fair Fireworks Compilation
- 7 p.m. – Selectboard – Sept. 21
- 9 p.m. – School Committee – Sept. 22
- 11 p.m. – Planning Board – Sept. 22

Friday, Sept. 25

- 8 a.m. – Conversation with Pakman
- 9 a.m. – Fair Highlights 2018
- 10 a.m. – Fair Talent Show
- 7 p.m. – Conversation with Pakman
- 8 p.m. – Fair Highlights 2019
- 9 p.m. – Fair Talent Show

Saturday, Sept. 26

- 8 a.m. – Curious Giraffe – P is for Puppets
- 8:30 a.m. – Curious Giraffe – Q is for Questions
- 9 a.m. – Fair Interviews Before the Parade
- 10 a.m. – Fair Parade 2019
- 1 p.m. – Fair Parade 2015
- 4 p.m. – Curious Giraffe – P is for Puppets
- 4:30 p.m. – Curious Giraffe – Q is for Questions
- 7 p.m. – Fair Parade 2001
- 9 p.m. – Fair Highlights 2006

Sunday, Sept. 27

- 9 a.m. – Fair Highlights 2010
- 1 p.m. – Fair Highlights 2015
- 4:30 p.m. – St. Francis Roman Catholic Church
- 6 p.m. – Christ Community Church
- 7 p.m. – Hope United Methodist Church
- 8:30 p.m. – Fair Highlights 2019

Monday, Sept. 28

- 8 a.m. – Conversation with Pakman
- 5 p.m. – Conversation with Pakman
- 6:30 p.m. – Selectboard – Channel 191

Tuesday, Sept. 29

- 8 a.m. – Curious Giraffe – P is for Puppets
- 8:30 p.m. – Curious Giraffe – Q is for Questions
- 4 p.m. – Curious Giraffe – P is for Puppets
- 4:30 p.m. – Curious Giraffe – Q is for Questions

Wednesday, Sept. 30

- 8 a.m. – Conversation with Pakman
- 7 p.m. – Conversation with Pakman

The BCTV Studio is located at 68 State St., Belchertown. BCTV channels are 191, 192 and 193. The BCTV schedule is available at www.belchertown.org. On the main title page select “residents,” click on Belchertown Community Television. Selected BCTV shows are also available on Vimeo. Go to www.belchertown.org, go to quick links and click on “watch meetings and events online.” The schedule is subject to change.

The BCTV weather information system is broadcast on TV channel 193 and displays the current weather conditions at the BCTV station as well as, the current regional radar. This service operates 24 hours a day with audio provided by the National Weather Service from Albany New York, with forecasts, storm and emergency warnings for the Pioneer Valley.

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COMMUNITY

Community Foundation welcomes new staff

SPRINGFIELD – The Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts (CFWM) has announced four new staff members to their team, filling philanthropic and program support roles at the organization. Bianca Walker has been hired as Philanthropic Officer; Nikai Fondon has been hired as Donor Engagement Coordinator; Anastasia Dildin has been hired as Grants Assistant; and Sophie Kanetani has been hired as Scholarship Program Associate.

In joining CFWM's Philanthropic Services team, Walker and Fondon will help deepen and broaden the organization's fundraising and connection with donors.

Kanetani will support the CFWM's Scholarship Program as the new Scholarship Associate. She is a graduate of Mount Holyoke College.

Walker has worked in the nonprofit field for the past 15 years, most recently as the Senior Development Officer at the Alzheimer's Association, Western/Central Massachusetts. She developed a strong sense of devotion to, and appreciation for, the nonprofit field through her experiences as an annual youth employee with a summer work program at Data Institute. Walker is currently attending Bay Path University, pursuing her degree in Nonprofit Management.

Fondon previously served the Community Foundation for three years



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Nikai Fondon has been hired as Donor Engagement Coordinator.

in the role of Scholarship Associate, and is bringing her knowledge of the younger community to her new role as Donor Engagement Coordinator. A recent college graduate from the Isenberg School of Management at UMass Amherst, Fondon has a strong passion for women empowerment, leadership and education, and, in her words, "chooses to use her position in society to uplift and encourage others of all backgrounds to become better versions of themselves."

As Grants Assistant, Dildin will support the foundation's programs team with data-

base management and other administrative support. After graduating in 2018 from Central Connecticut State University with a Bachelor's degree in Statistics, Dildin served one year with AmeriCorps as a data analyst and mentor program manager at Grace Academy, a Hartford school dedicated to fighting poverty through education. Dildin is currently enrolled in Central Connecticut State University's Geography Graduate program.

Founded in 1991, the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts seeks to enrich the quality of life for the

people of our region. With assets totaling \$163 million, CFWM serves the three counties bordering the Connecticut River in western Massachusetts (Hampden, Hampshire, and Franklin Counties) by serving as a resource, catalyst and coordinator for charitable activities. Most recently, its COVID-19 Response Fund for the Pioneer Valley has awarded \$4.8 million in grants and counting to local nonprofits addressing immediate needs during the COVID-19 pandemic. To learn more, visit <http://communityfoundation.org/>.

Sen. Eric Lesser to resume weekly Lunchtime Livestream series

SPRINGFIELD – This Friday at noon, Senator Eric P. Lesser, D-East Longmeadow, will resume his weekly Lunchtime Livestream series with his first guest of the fall, Phil Korman, executive director of Community Involved in Sustaining Agriculture.

The livestream will focus on local agriculture in the era of COVID-19, Senator Lesser's role as Co-Chair of the Food Security Task Force, and the nonprofit work that CISA has been doing in the community for the past 25 years. Across the commonwealth, one in five households with children are experiencing food insecurity, and 520,762 households rely on SNAP benefits to help them afford an adequate diet as a

result of the pandemic.

Over 250 farms as well as many dedicated members of the community participate in CISA's programs. Their most popular programs connect farmers and the community, improving farm business viability, and enhancing the quality of life for residents across the region. In his role as executive director, Phil Korman leads the organization in its mission to strengthen farms and engage the community to build the local food economy with over 25 years' experience in management and raising resources at nonprofits.

The livestreams will begin at noon at [twitter/ericlesser](https://twitter.com/ericlesser) and facebook.com/EricLesserMA.

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OPINION

Celebrating the birthday of a legend, Johnny Appleseed

I have numerous old files from my days at Old Sturbridge Village. Occasionally I'll take a peek at some of the things I've saved. This time I was looking for a few tidbits on heirloom apple varieties, perhaps something that would work its way into a good column. It is the peak of apple season, you know. Instead I found a love story, and while this character isn't known for romance, per se, it sure makes for a good starting paragraph.

We all have heard of Johnny Appleseed. I'm not sure if we learned about him in school or if he is one of those legends that mysteriously becomes etched in our brains. In my mind's eye he is a ragamuffin of sorts, skipping to and fro across the country scattering apple seeds. I imagine how, in no time at all, the apple trees grew to be in full bloom along the cart paths, welcoming settlers as they made their way west. End of story. But who was Johnny Appleseed, and what sent him on a lifelong mission to blanket the Midwest in apple blossoms?

The man we call Johnny Appleseed was born here in Massachusetts in the town of Leominster on Sept. 26, 1774. He is the only person awarded 'folk hero' status here in our state. His given name was John Chapman. It is likely that John and his older sister, Elizabeth, grew up in the care of relatives after his mother's death from tuberculosis in 1776. His father was a Minuteman who fought at Concord and later a Revolutionary soldier in the Continental Army. Some accounts have John heading West as early as the age of 18, other stories claim him to be about 26 years old.

Johnny was a practical nurseryman, more skilled and calculated than my interpretation of him. He was also a good businessman and had a strong Christian faith. Together, these attributes wove John Chapman into a folk hero we know and love. With apple seeds from the cider mills in Pennsylvania in hand, Johnny cleared the woods to set up apple tree nurseries throughout the Midwest. A smart move, considering the law made new settlers plant 50 apple trees on their property during the first year of homesteading. He took payment for the trees he sold in whatever form was available (or not), whether it be in currency, old clothes or even food.

Johnny lived in harmony with nature without ever having a permanent place to call home. In his travels he befriended Native Americans, white settlers and animals, all the while preaching and living his religion peacefully. Reportedly, he knew many Native American languages well enough to converse, and had compassion for both his own and Native American cultures. Some stories make him out to be an herbal healer, as well as a greeter of new settlers with a variety of medicinal plants in hand. Fennel even became known as 'Johnny weed.' It becomes more apparent with each additional piece of research I find that Johnny's life-work was to be of service to others; at the same time he planted apple trees. Johnny Appleseed died at age 70 in Fort Wayne, Indiana. A monument marks his gravesite.

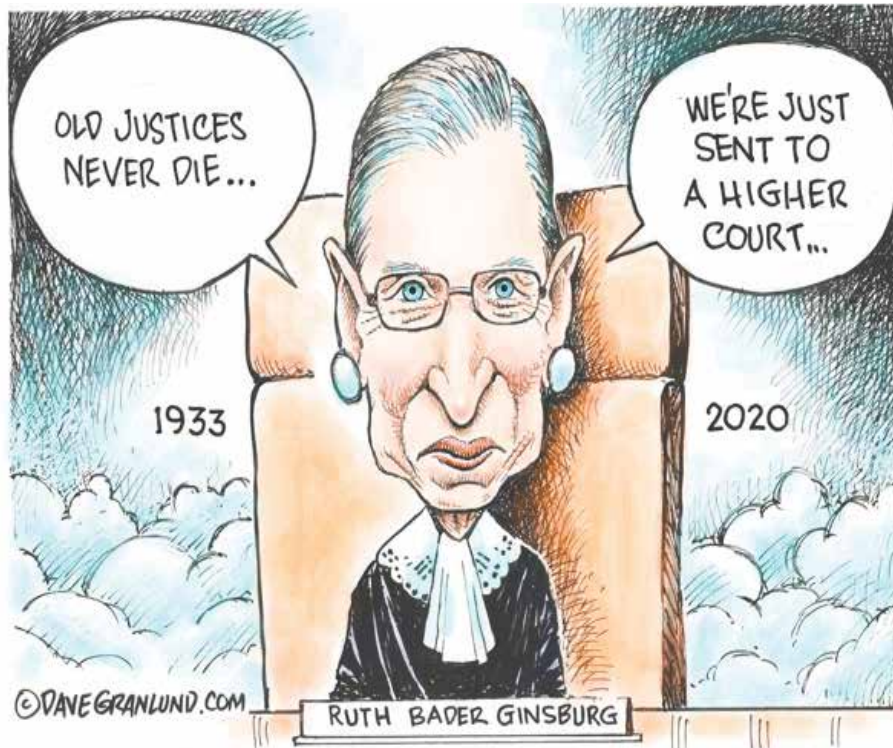
So what about the love story? From all accounts Johnny Appleseed traveled alone. A yellowed newspaper article stashed away in my file may give hope that Johnny's journey didn't start out that way. The story goes that John Chapman was to be married to Sarah Crawford. Instead, the day set aside for their wedding became the day of her funeral. She was buried in her wedding gown. A bouquet of apple blossoms was to have been her bouquet. Johnny, overcome with grief, decided to go forth and make a monument for his beloved; he would blanket the land in her favorite flower. Fact or fiction, I can't be sure. Perhaps it is another writer's attempt to put a fairy tale beginning on a legendary life. The romantic in me hopes it to be true!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to ekennedy@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

ON THE GARDEN



Roberta McQuaid



LETTERS

Fair missed by all

Letter to the editor

Recently a letter was written to Town Hall by Joe Shea expressing his desire to not have the Belchertown Fair cancelled. He stated he had gone to the fair every year since he was a little boy.

That is a feeling that is shared by the Fair Committee as well as many others. Everyone on the committee, regardless of how long they have been involved, looks forward to the event. Having grown up in Belchertown I, like many others, would not think of missing it. We were forced to make the only right decision to cancel as had been done twice before in 1916 and 1919 for the good of everyone in Belchertown.

We have been grateful for the years of support by all the various groups as well as people understanding why this was nec-

essary this year. This week would have been "Fair week" with the tents rising on Sunday and the common being transformed into the annual community event we all love for the coming weekend. Without question many of us are in fair withdrawal. The Common is quiet.

This week BCTV is airing many videos of past fairs. Please check them out. We are keeping the theme planned for this year "flock to the fair" for next year as we know all will be eager to come together with friends and neighbors to talk about what happened while munching on our favorite fair food.

Until then stay well and if you miss the fair as much as we do, come join us to make next year the best yet.

Cindy Brown,
Belchertown Fair Committee

Scholarship created to in honor of Nancy Curtis

On Saturday, Sept. 5, 2020, we lost a very kind and knowledgeable Special Education Administrator, that being Nancy Curtis. Nancy spent her time and energy helping students in the Ware, Palmer and Belchertown School Districts. To honor Nancy, a committee has been established for a scholarship to a graduating stu-

dent in 2021. Anyone wishing to donate, should please send it to Sandra Piechota, 269 Palmer Road, Ware, 01082, Andrea Greeley, P.O. Box 1063, Belchertown, MA, 01007 or Elaine Dill at 191 E. Hill Road, Monson, MA, 01057.

Sandra Piechota,
Ware

SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS

Can I help my friend with his Social Security?

RUSSELL GLOOR
Guest columnist

Dear Rusty: I am trying to help a good friend of mine who lives in Indiana and is 80-years-old. I am very concerned as he's not now collecting Social Security for some reason, and I have no idea why. Is there any reason that you know of that would keep him from getting his benefits? Is there maybe something he might have done to keep him from getting his money? He worked his whole life, is a retired electrician and was a long-time member of the Electricians' Union. I'm not sure if he knows how to apply for his benefits, but he's having a hard time making ends meet and could definitely use the extra money. He told me that an organization has offered to help him, but it will cost \$7,500 and there is no guarantee they can get it for him. He can't afford to pay that kind of money only to be told there is nothing they can do for him. I'm hoping you can give me some insight. *Signed: Faithful Friend*

Dear Faithful Friend: If your friend has, as you say, worked and contributed to Social Security via FICA payroll taxes all his life, then he should be eligible to collect

Social Security benefits. It only takes 40 quarters of credit (about 10 years of earnings) to be eligible for SS, so he should certainly be eligible if he paid SS FICA taxes for enough years.

Are there reasons why he might not be collecting? Sure, but they're not common, and here are a few:

- Indiana is one of 26 states where some state employees don't participate in the federal Social Security program. If your friend was a state employee for his whole life he may not have contributed to Social Security, so he may not have the requisite 40 credits needed to collect Social Security.

- Social Security benefits are generally exempt from garnishing, except for certain types of situations. Any U.S. government agency (such as the IRS if he owes back taxes) can garnish his benefits if he owes them money. His benefits can also be garnished for unpaid alimony or child support. But usually such garnishment means only reducing his Social Security benefit, not completely eliminating it.

- If he were collecting Social Security at one time, but Social Security later found that he had been overpaid for any

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Cooper’s accepting donations for Dress for Success

AGAWAM – For a limited time Cooper’s Gifts Apparel Home of Agawam is accepting donations of professional attire for Dress for Success of Western Massachusetts.

Interview-appropriate women’s clothing, shoes and accessories will be collected at Coopers through Sept. 30.

“We invite everyone to Fall-clean their closets and change a life,” said Kate Gourde, owner of Cooper’s Gifts Apparel Home.

Donations must be like-new, clean and on hangers. All professional attire is welcome, but DFS has expressed that their greatest current needs are for petite and plus sizes, like-new shoes, especially size eight and up and purses. No casual clothing, please.

“Just ask yourself ‘Would I wear this to an interview?’ If the answer is yes, Dress for Success can put it to good use,” Gourde said.

The mission of Dress for Success (DFS) is to empower women to achieve economic independence by providing a network of support, professional attire and development tools to help women thrive in work and in life. They provide each client with professional attire to secure employment, but they are about much more than simply a new outfit. Besides physically equipping the client with apparel and accessories, their programs furnish her with a confidence that she carries forever and the knowledge that she can actively define her life, the direction she takes and what success means to her.

“We have held clothing drives for DFS for years; our customers consider it a convenience. Especially for people West of the river, it’s easier to bring donations here than up to the DFS Boutique on Boston Road,” Gourde said. Items may be brought to the shop

anytime during the month of September. Cooper’s is located at 161 Main St., Agawam, and is open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

“This drive coincides with Dress for Success as our September Round Up charity; so it’s the perfect time to spread the word of their mission and really help them out,” Gourde said. Each month Gourde chooses a local charity to receive the profits of the store’s Round Up program through which customers are invited to round up their purchase total to the next dollar amount. Gourde will then match 50% of the total collected. The program has donated nearly \$25,000 to local organizations since its inception in 2014.

More information on the Round Up program and how to nominate a charity, may be found on Cooper’s website www.coopersgifts.com/round-up/

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reason, they could withhold his benefits until they recovered the overpayment. Sometimes, the actions of someone else (e.g., a former spouse) can cause him to be liable for an overpayment, but Social Security would have sent him a letter informing him of the overpayment and giving him an opportunity to appeal it. In any case, Social Security would only withhold benefits until the overpayment was fully recovered.

• Social Security benefits are not automatically awarded. If your friend simply neglected to apply for benefits when he was eligible, Social Security wouldn’t sign him up automatically, regardless of his age. He will simply not get benefits unless he applies for them.

Your friend shouldn’t pay anyone

to find out if he’s eligible for Social Security benefits. The answer is simply a phone call away by contacting the Social Security Administration, either at the national number, 1.800.772.1213, or by contacting his local Social Security office (the local contact information is at www.ssa.gov/locator). Generally, this type of transaction can be accomplished over the phone. He should call Social Security and tell them he wishes to apply for “Social Security Retirement Benefits.” Once they have his Social Security number they can tell immediately if he is eligible for benefits and, if he is, he should ask for six months retroactive benefits (SS will pay up to 6 months retroactively).

If your friend cannot, for any reason, contact Social Security himself to discuss his situation, he can appoint someone, such as you, to represent him in these matters. Here is a link

to Social Security’s rules on having someone represent him: www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10075.pdf. You are, indeed, a good and faithful friend.

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Russell Gloor is a Social Security advisor for AMAC.

Community Preservation Committee 2021 fiscal year grant application

BELCHERTOWN – The Community Preservation Committee will be accepting applications for grant requests for the 2021 fiscal year.

The applications can be submitted between Oct. 1 through Friday at 5 p.m. on Nov. 13. The current application form can be found on www.Belchertowncpc.org.

CPC approved grant requests will be considered for the May 2021 Annual Town Meeting. Any questions on the application process can be sent to Jim Natle at Jnate7007@aol.com.



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GRANBY

State grant awarded to Granby to prepare for climate change

STAFF REPORT

GRANBY — Granby has received a \$34,272 “Action Grant” to implement climate change resilience projects through the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program, according to the state on Sept. 14.

The grant is for resilient regulatory work and re-focusing on climate resilience pathway in the town master plan.

The state MVP program provides communities with technical support, climate change data and planning tools to identify hazards and develop strategies to improve resilience.

Senator Eric Lesser, Representative Mindy Domb and Representative Daniel R. Carey welcomed the announcement.

“This grant will make our community stronger, help prepare our local leader and give necessary support to the town in their efforts to include climate resilience in their roadmap for Granby,” Lesser said. “MVP funding helps prepare municipalities, our first responders and our public works teams to plan for the negative effects of climate change and rebuild their communities stronger.”

“I am excited that Granby is benefitting from this important program both to begin the planning process around climate change resiliency, strengthening our infrastructure and prioritizing its projects accordingly,” said Rep. Domb. “I’m thrilled to partner with both Senator Lesser and Representative Carey to support Granby being included in this program and receiving the support and resources it needs to plan to undertake this important work.”

Carey added it’s important for towns in the western part of the state access funding.

“Getting state funds here in western Mass is so important as we collaborate with state and local officials to address the climate change needs right here in our community,” said Rep. Carey.

PROJECT 351 • from page 1

Senior High School student Ariana Klekotka, a Project 351 alumnus and peer leader.

Klekotka collaborated with Jenna Bobrowski, South Hadley’s current Project 351 ambassador. Together, Klekotka and Bobrowski distributed thank you packages to employees at the South Hadley Police Dept., South Hadley Fire Districts 1 and 2, the Granby Police Dept. and Granby Fire Dept.

Project 351 is an independent non-profit organization which works to unite Massachusetts through youth service and leadership. Each year, it builds a team of volunteers consisting of teenagers, who represent each of the state’s 351 cities and towns.

Traditionally, the 351 participants travel to Boston and collaborate on a large-scale service project. This year’s plans were interrupted when the COVID-19 pandemic prevented members from meeting.

Instead of cancelling the 2020 service initiative all together, Project 351 has encouraged each participant to lead a small project in his or her hometown. Klekotka and Bobrowski were very much up to the task.

“I think that it’s very critical to say thank you; even just a small little care package makes their day and makes them feel great about their jobs being police, fire and EMTs,” said Bobrowski.

Klekotka agreed wholeheartedly with the outlook of her peer. She recalled the words of a local first responder, who offered both her both appreciation and an honest opinion.

“Last year, someone at Granby Fire told me that a ‘thank you’ might last for five minutes or five hours, but care packages can last for years on end,”



PHOTO BY DALTON ZBIERSKI

[L to R] Jenna Bobrowski, Erin Bullough, Ariana Klekotka and Leah Bobrowski distributed thank you packages to local first responders recently.

said Klekotka. “Some people keep the little note that we send with them; they’ll hang it up for words of encouragement.”

Project 351 was established in 2011 under the direction of Gov. Deval Patrick and strives to promote kindness, compassion, humility and gratitude in the Commonwealth.

Bobrowski, an incoming high school freshman, embraced the Sept. 11 venture to each of Granby and South Hadley’s safety facilities. Like Klekotka, she is anticipating a long affiliation with Project 351.

“I think it’s a great opportunity to be able to do this. I’m really happy that I was chosen because it’s only one kid per town every year,” said Bobrowski. “I’m really excited to be with Project 351 and I hope to continue it throughout high school.”

Klekotka and Bobrowski were accompanied last Friday by Leah Bobrowski and Erin Bullough.

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SOCIALLY-DISTANCED

Ice Cream Social



Christopher Heights resident Jenny Kuhn eats her ice cream which was a treat as part of the National Assisted Living Week.



Christopher Heights resident Ruth Jones gets her Batch ice cream.



Christopher Heights resident Carolyn Lipscomb was part of the socially-distanced ice cream social celebration of National Assisted Living Week.



BATCH Ice Cream owner, Dave LeRiche served from the truck at Christopher Heights last week.



Resident Gill Gagnon, Resident Service Manager-Kris Brown and Companion-Kaylee Hopkins got together last week for a socially-distanced ice cream social at Christopher Heights.

Seniors stop to say hi



PHOTOS BY MELINA BOURDEAU

Taking out their 1962 Chevy, Lin and Dan Borecki stopped by the Belchertown Senior Center to greet staff, including Kathy Martin.



During the "Say hi" reverse parade at the Belchertown senior center, Kim Rossi greeted Jean Millen. Mellin said she stopped by to see everyone whom she hadn't seen in person since the spring.

FIRE CHIEF • from page 1

"We'll need to review those and set a schedule for that and discuss the candidates," Sexton said.

Sexton said he was open to doing interviews with all five candidates or narrowing from five down to three first.

Selectboard member Jennifer Silva said she believed the board should interview three candidates rather than five.

The matter will be on the board's next meeting agenda.

Recently the selectboard heard from the officers in the fire department to get input on attributes and characteristics they hope for in the new temporary leadership.

The Selectboard discussed the plan following the termination of Granby Fire Chief John Mitchell Jr. on July 23.

During executive sessions, the board discussed Mitchell's employment with the town and determined in a July 22 executive session to terminate him, effective the next day.

Mitchell was placed on unpaid administrative leave from the Fire Department for 30 days, since June 1, according to Town Administrator Christopher Martin.



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POLICE LOGS

Belchertown Police

Editor's note: The following are brief explanations of select entries in the Belchertown Police log and arrests for the weeks of Sept. 9 through Sept. 15. The information was provided by a member of the police department based on the review of the detailed log summary. This feature is designed to provide context and explanation to some of the calls police respond to every day. Of the 329 calls police responded to, there were 12 incidents, 10 accidents, three arrest/summons and 10 citations.

ARRESTS/SUMMONS
Wednesday, Sept. 9

2:14 p.m. – A summons was issued to a 71-year-old Ware man charged with leaving the scene of an accident. A George Hannum Road business reported an accident. Officers spoke with a person reporting damage to their vehicle. The other party left the scene. Witnesses were able to provide a description and the license plate number. The operator was then observed in the parking lot of another business. The officer spoke with the party and informed them they would be summons on the charges.

Friday Sept. 11

4:58 p.m. – Gemal S. Zahran, 35, of 236 State Steet, Belchertown was arrested on charges of operating under the influence of alcohol, operating after a suspension, an open container of alcohol in the vehicle, negligent operation and failing to yield.

An officer responded to Turkey Hill Road for a report of an accident with injuries. A male party involved in the crash was yelling at an involved woman. Officers noticed the operator of the vehicle showed signs of intoxication and had a suspended license.

The operator of the other involved vehicle reported the suspect failed to yield when attempting to make the turn, causing the accident to occur. The party was transported by a Belchertown Fire Department ambulance. The vehicles were towed from the scene. A field sobriety test was administered and the man was charged accordingly.

Saturday, Sept. 13

3:12 p.m. – A summons was issued to a 60-year-old Monson man for an unregistered and uninsured motor vehicle. An officer responded to Bardwell Street for a

report that a vehicle struck a utility pole and a mailbox. When officers arrived on scene, there was heavy damage to the vehicle and the officer spoke with the operator. The operator said they swerved out of the way to avoid an oncoming vehicle. National Grid was contacted because of damage to the utility pole and a towing company was contacted to remove the vehicle. After the operator was unable to provide officers with information including a title or bill of sale, they were charged accordingly.

ACCIDENTS/INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Sept. 9

11 p.m. – An officer was dispatched to Chauncey Walker Road for a report of possible property damage. The reporting party was a tow truck employee who was contacted to tow a vehicle reporting it had a flat tire. When the tow truck driver arrived on scene, they noticed there was a broken wooden guardrail and wood was in the front wheel well of the vehicle. The officer made contact with the owner of the guardrail and the operator agreed to pay for the damage.

Thursday, Sept. 10

3:40 p.m. – Officers responded to an accident on Bay Road. One vehicle was travelling on Bay Road when the operator slowed to turn right. The second vehicle attempted to stop, but rear-ended the first.

Friday, Sept. 11

7:14 a.m. – Officers responded to an accident on Ludlow Road. The accident was caused when a vehicle with trailer was backing out of a driveway into the street and backed into a vehicle into a vehicle travelling on Ludlow Road. There were no injuries reported.

11:37 a.m. – An officer took a report from a resident who said they received two debit cards in the mail that they never applied for. This person had also previously reported unemployment fraud. The matter was put on file.

12:11 p.m. – Officers took a report of someone who lost a significant amount of money to a scam. The person reported they purchased new laptop and was called by the Apple security team reported the laptop was hacked. The scammer said they were able to help with the issue if the person purchased gift cards. After being told their money would be returned once their hacked computer was fixed, the person provided

the information. The person never heard back from the alleged security team. The incident was forwarded to a detective for further investigation.

5:05 p.m. – Officers spoke with a River Street resident in regards to damage to their lawn.

Saturday, Sept. 12

2:01 a.m. – Police responded with Belchertown Fire Department to a George Hannum Road residence for a structure fire. When on scene the officer met with a male party who reported he heard the alarm and checked his neighbor who said there was fire inside their home. It was reported there was no one inside of the residence and they were able to extinguish by resident while everyone exited the residence. They reported the fire was caused by a tablet that was charging and overheated, causing the bed to catch fire. Residents were able to go back into the home after it was ventilated by the fire department.

8:18 a.m. – Officers responded to an accident on Ware Road. One vehicle was going westbound when it collided with a motorcycle going in the other direction. Both vehicles had damage to the left side. A Belchertown Fire Department ambulance responded, but no one was transported from the scene.

4:50 p.m. – Officers took a report of unemployment fraud.

Sunday, Sept. 13

11:50 a.m. – Officers responded to an accident on Stebbins Street involving a car versus a motorcycle. Both vehicles were travelling south when the operator of the car went to turn into a driveway and the motorcycle operator attempted to go around the vehicle. The operator dumped the bike in order to avoid the car. A tow company was contacted to remove the motorcycle. Two people were transported to the hospital.

12:45 p.m. – Officers responded to a Chauncey Walker Road business for a report of damaged golf carts. The owners found the carts were damaged and the group who used them didn't notify the staff. The involved people were contacted and reported they were unaware of any damage but would contact the business. They were contacted the person and were making arrangements to repair the damage. There is no other information at this time.

11:54 p.m. – Officers responded to the area of Springfield Road for a one-car accident when an operator struck a deer. There

was minor damage to the car. The deer needed to be euthanized.

Monday, Sept. 14

5:54 a.m. – Officers responded to a residence for a report of a disturbance caused by an argument over a set of keys.

3:22 p.m. – Officers responded to a three-car accident on Federal Street. All three vehicles were travelling in the same direction in the area of West View Drive. The vehicle in the front stopped for a traffic light and the second vehicle rear ended the first and the third vehicle rear-ended the third.

Tuesday Sept. 15

10:55 p.m. – Officers responded to a single vehicle accident on South Main Street. The driver was heading south on when they fell asleep. The vehicle went off the right side of the road and stuck a pole. A tow company was requested to remove the vehicle. No other information is available at this time.

Granby Police

Editor's Note: The Granby Police Department responded to 140 calls for the week of Sept. 11 through Sept. 17. Those arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. All information is provided by the Granby Police Department.

Friday, Sept. 11

3:01 p.m. – Officers assisted Massachusetts State Police with disposing explosives on Amherst Street. Items were destroyed.

Saturday, Sept. 12

2:21 p.m. – Officers investigated a two-car accident on Carver St. Minor injuries were reported.

Sunday, Sept. 13

8:59 p.m. – Officers issued a criminal citation for operation of an uninsured motor vehicle.

Tuesday, Sept. 15

9:02 a.m. – Officers investigated a theft form Amherst St. resident's yard.

11:24 p.m. – Officers investigated a motor vehicle accident on Amherst St. Officers reported the operator lost control of vehicle and drove off the roadway. The operator was issued a criminal citation for operation of an unlicensed motor vehicle.

POOL • from page 1

There would be three weeks between each new group. The first tier on the front of the plan it'll be lap swim for members, swim teams, the Stingray swim team, along with private swim lessons. The second group would start with the lap swim including non-members along with the morning aquanastic program, group swim lessons and a swim clinic. The last

group would be the family swim and private swim parties.

The capacity would be set at 33 bathers including the facility staff, which would be one to two staff members, according to Furnia. Locker room capacity would be 16 bathers, based on the smaller capacity of closing off part of the changing rooms.

Information taken from the daily fee patrons would be their full name, phone numbers, addresses

and email addresses.

"That way, if there was an outbreak, there would be a way to find out which town patrons come from, we'd be contacting them to let them know if there was anything that happened," she said.

There were also additional terminology added to the reopening plan if there was a COVID-19 outbreak, including a roster shared with local officials and the board of health.

There will be six-foot floor

markers placed throughout the pool entrance area and deck as well as one-way walking arrows around the pool.

Sanitization would be after each program rather than a designated time.

"It was suggested that the frequency of the water chemical testing be increased to six times per day versus four, which is our normal testing frequency," Furnia said. "The chlorine levels, Ph and alka-

linity throughout the day (would be tested six times per day). We would also raise the number of times we shock the pool during the month to biweekly to make sure the water is maintained and stays as clean as it can."

She said the addition of the pool closing after the water chemistry falls below safety standards is already a customary practice for the department.

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EDUCATION

Belchertown children’s meals program menu

For the week of Sept. 28 to Oct. 2

Note: Tuesday through Thursday are small meal kit items

Monday
Breakfast: Pop tarts, cheese stick, fruit, milk
Lunch: Beef nachos with cheese and salsa, crunchy pepper strips, milk

Tuesday
(Small Meal Kits come home)
Breakfast: Cereal, yogurt, 100% juice, milk
Lunch: Grilled cheese, tater tots, Sidekicks frozen fruit, smoothie, milk

Wednesday
Curbside Meal Kit Pickup at BHS 11 a.m. from 1 p.m.
Breakfast: Bagel, fruit, milk
Lunch: Turkey sandwich, chips, roasted chickpeas, milk

Thursday
Breakfast: Banana bread, 100% juice, milk
Lunch: Spaghetti and meatballs, garlic knot, broccoli, milk

Friday
Small meal kits come home and orders due today for week four
Breakfast: Apple roll, fruit, milk
Lunch: Chinese Chicken, Asian lettuce salad, cookie, milk

STCC marks 15th anniversary of the Diversity Series

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. – Celebrating its 15th anniversary, the Springfield Technical Community College fall Diversity Series kicks off Sept. 21 at 12:15 p.m. with a talk by writer, activist and comedian Baratunde Thurston.

The event is open to the public and free of charge.

Thurston, an Emmy-nominated host who has worked for the Onion, produced for the Daily Show, advised for the Obama White House and wrote the New York Times best-seller “How To Be Black,” will speak to STCC students and the community through a Zoom webinar.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all diversity series events will be presented as Zoom webinars. For information about how to join the webinars, visit stcc.edu/diversity. All events are free and open to the public.

“We’re excited to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the Diversity Series,” said Vonetta Lightfoot, multicultural affairs operations manager at STCC. “In this most unusual year, we have put together a terrific lineup while also taking steps to ensure everyone’s safety. While the performances and presentations won’t be on campus in front of a live audience, I feel confident that our students and the community will be inspired and engaged.”

The series began in fall 2006 under the direction of Lightfoot’s mother, Myra D. Smith. The series has drawn well-known speakers such as Michael Eric Dyson, a professor, minister and political commentator, Ruth E. Carter, an Academy Award winning costume designer for film and television, Nicholas Kristof, New York Times writer and winner of two Pulitzer Prizes, and many more notable personalities.

The following speakers are scheduled for fall 2020:

• Sept. 24 at 12 p.m., Jose Gonzalez & Banda Criolla, a Latinx virtual celebration. This musical event will be pre-recorded.

• Oct. 5 at 2 p.m., Lawrence Ross, author of “The Divine Nine: The History of African American Fraternities and Sororities,” a Los Angeles Times best seller, and “Blackballed: The Black and White Politics of Race on America’s Campuses.”

• Oct. 16 at 2 p.m., Denice Frohman, poet, educator and performer from New York City. She is a CantoMundo Fellow, former Women of the World Poetry Slam Champion and National Association of Latino Arts and Cultures grant recipient.

• Oct. 19 at 2 p.m., Blair Imani, historian, advocate and activist. She is the author of two historical books, “Modern HERstory: Stories of Women and Nonbinary People Rewriting History” and “Making Our Way Home: The Great Migration and The Black American Dream.”

The Diversity Speaker and Performance Series, coordinated by the Office of Multicultural Affairs, brings a global array of speakers and performers to campus. The series features unique and artistic visual experiences for its audience as well as creates an on-going dialogue around topics of race, diversity, equity, education and cultural appropriation.

Founded in 1967 and located on 35 acres of the Springfield Armory National Historic Site, STCC is a major

resource for the economic vitality of Western Massachusetts. As the only technical community college in Massachusetts, STCC offers a variety of career programs unequalled in the state. STCC’s highly regarded transfer programs in business, advanced manufacturing, healthcare, liberal arts, and STEM fields continue to provide the most affordable options for students pursuing a four-year degree. With an annual enrollment of about 7,000 day, evening, weekend and online students, STCC is a vibrant campus rich in diversity.

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Preparing for migration

This monarch butterfly was finding extra nutrition on the Joe Pye weed. It will soon be heading south to wintering grounds in Mexico. Photographed in Belchertown on Sept. 17 by Doug Moore of Belchertown.

AAA hosts free virtual vacation webinars

REGION – AAA Travel is hosting a new series of virtual vacations to help travelers research and plan their next adventure. These new webinars showcase a variety of destinations, perfect for those looking to explore right now or in the future. Participants can interact with leading tour providers and gain more knowledge about travel options.

“Many AAA Travel clients residing in the Pioneer Valley are frustrated to be home bound,” said Sandra Marsian, vice president of the AAA Pioneer Valley. “We are all doing what we need to, keeping each other safe by staying home. But we do not have to like it, and nothing can stop us from dreaming of our future travels. Many of us hope to return to our freedom to travel soon and are looking for ways to understand what our future travel options will be. We are also looking for ways to stay entertained and informed while we wait.”

The virtual vacations webinar series schedule includes:

- Oct. 1 - Discover Mackinac Island Tour
- Oct. 15 - North American Vacations
- Nov. 10 - Cruise through Alaska
- Dec.1 - Explore the National Parks
- March 17 - Iceland’s Magical Northern Lights

AAA Travel has been there for travelers since 1902, supporting the travel needs of members and non-members. These events are free and open to the public.

Registration is now open, to sign up for any, or all, of these free online events visit AAA.com/TravelEvents.

About AAA

AAA Pioneer Valley is a not-for-profit auto club with 6 offices in Franklin, Hampden, Hampshire counties of Massachusetts providing more than 200,000 local AAA members with travel, insurance, finance, and auto-related services. Since its founding in 1901, AAA Pioneer Valley has been a leader and advocate for the safety and security of all travelers.

Free COVID-19 testing extended again at Holyoke Community College

HOLYOKE - Free COVID-19 testing at Holyoke Community College has been extended until Sept 30.

HCC has been serving as a “Stop the Spread” drive-through testing site since Aug. 26 to help the state and the City of Holyoke reduce the spread of COVID-19. Testing was initially set to end on Sept. 12 and then extended

through Sept. 30. It has been now been extended through the end to October. Tests are being conducted outside HCC’s Bartley Center for Athletics and Recreation and administered by Fallon Ambulance in partnership with the Holyoke Board of Health and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

Testing is available six days a week

through Sept. 30, during the following hours:

- Monday from 7 to 11 a.m.
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Testing are conducted on a first-come,

first-serve basis. There are no appointments, and there is no cost for the tests and no referral is required.

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Cold Spring Soccer Club celebrates 26th season

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BELCHERTOWN – Amid a global pandemic, one local soccer club continues to serve the youth as Cold Spring Soccer Club was able to celebrate its 26th anniversary as a program.

Last Saturday afternoon, Vinnie Mazzaferro led the Belchertown girls 10/11 to Robinson Street Field in Agawam as they played the Storm and kicked off the new season, although with several modifications.

“Yes, we have had to do many modifications to be able to play this year,” said Mazzaferro. “Each town is different, but the criteria is basically the same. We had to submit an application to the board of health for approval and as a club we are required to help enforce the rules below. The major difference this year is that each player/coach must wear a face mask and throws have been eliminated. The good news is we are playing soccer and the kids are loving it.”



Ellie Mazzaferro tries to shoot on goal.

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Reid Fortier dribbles the ball during Belchertown's opening game at Agawam last Saturday.



Goalie Chase Benoit deflects a ball.

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NEW RULES

Away fans not allowed at games

Limited attendance
will be allowed at
most high schools

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REGION – High school athletes returned to the field for tryouts last Friday. The tryouts will continue into this week with games set to begin at the end of next week.

Nearly all of the schools in Western Massachusetts, specifically in and around the Pioneer Valley will be full participants in the Fall 1 season, which will feature all of the fall sports with the exception of football, cheerleading, and unified basketball.

There are some schools that have opted to defer moderate risk sports like girls volleyball and soccer to the Fall 2 season in late February.

While student-athletes will have the opportunity to be playing games after a six-month layoff from most activity, fans will only be allowed to have limited participation.

David Stratton, a member of the board of directors for the Pioneer Valley Interscholastic Athletic Conference, said the PVIAC has issued guidance and agreed that all schools in the membership will only allow for home fans at games to begin with.

Stratton said it will be up to the individual schools to govern how the crowds will be controlled, but all schools are only allowed to host fans for their own team.

Those crowds will be limited to just 50 people, per the

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Help feature your student- athletes

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The fall season is starting and Turley Publications is looking forward to getting back out on the field to bring you the high school action for all your favorite teams.

We know this fall season is important to many senior athletes, who watched Class of 2020 lose their entire spring season.

We're asking for help on this

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AT THE RACES

Robie clinches modified title, other crowns up for grabs

WINCHESTER, N.H. – Trevor Bleau (Troy, NH) won the race Saturday night at Monadnock Speedway that had eluded him all season. But, while Bleau won the battle, Brian Robie won the war.

With Robie's strong third-place outing in Saturday's NHSTRA Modified main event, the Sunapee star clinched the 2020 track title. The speedway's other four divisional crowns, however, will all wait to be decided on the final day of the season.

Bleau, the runner-up a week earlier, was one of three first-of-the-season feature winners Saturday. On the fourteenth event of the summer, Emerson Cayer (Contoocook, NH) and C.J. Johnson (Keene, NH) also earned their first victory laps of the year.

While Cayer made easy work of scoring Saturday's 50-lap NHSTRA Battle for The Belt Mini Stock feature, Gordon Farnum – a six-time 2020 feature winner – cruised quietly to a fifth-place finish and, with it, the



Belchertown's Chris Buffone captured the street stock event

championship of the multi-track Belt series.

Cameron Houle and Bleau raced under a blanket for the first ten laps of the Modified

go-round, with Bleau then using the low groove to take command

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SPORTS

Payouts, rules revealed for ‘World Series’ event

T H O M P S O N, Conn. — American-Canadian Tour (ACT) and Pro All Stars Series (PASS) officials have announced the purse structure, rules, and other information for a trio of open shows at the 58th World Series of Speedway Racing. High-paying single-day events are planned for the Tour-type Modifieds, 350 Small Block Super Modifieds, and ACT-type Late Models on the Saturday portion of the 18-division card.

World Series promoters Cris Michaud and Tom Mayberry have posted more than \$26,000 in awards for the Tour-Type Modified Open on Saturday, October 10. Whoever

triumphs in the 75-lap main event will cash a \$5,000 winner’s check. Everyone who takes the green flag receives a minimum of \$500 to start.

The event is open to cars that fit the rule sets of the Modified Racing Series, Race of Champions Modifieds, Tri-Track Open Modified Series, or Stafford Open Series. SK Modifieds may also compete using any carburetor. The entry fee is \$50 for entries postmarked by October 1 and \$100 for entries sent after that date.

All entrants are required to

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MIAA presents partnership with ‘kindness partner’

FRANKLIN – The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) is proud to announce a partnership with Choose To Be Nice (CTBN) as the Official Kindness Partner of the MIAA. This first-of-its kind partnership amplifies the message that sports and kindness are intricately connected, both on and off the field.

“Choose To Be Nice’s message of kindness lines up perfectly with the MIAA’s values,” said Bill Gaine, Executive Director of MIAA. “Spreading kindness is a choice all of our stakeholders – student athletes, coaches, school administrators and more – can agree on. We are excited about helping to bring the message of kindness to the MIAA community.”

Choose To Be Nice offers a wide array of tools and programs to help schools, companies and organizations build and sustain a lasting culture of kindness. The MIAA/CTBN partnership will put the issue of kindness front and center on and off the playing field and come to life through a number of creative initiatives.

“We’re over the moon to be working with MIAA to help bring a very simple, but powerful message of choice and kindness to the entire MIAA community of student athletes, coaches, administrators and families” said Dina Creiger, Founder of Choose To Be Nice. “We look forward to working with MIAA to infuse a lasting culture of kindness throughout the MIAA

community and to help make a meaningful impact on and off the playing field.”

About Choose To Be Nice: Headquartered in Needham, MA, Choose To Be Nice is a social enterprise dedicated to building communities where kindness, empathy, inclusion, and appreciation for others prevail and where people thrive through meaningful connections with others at home, in school, at work and in our communities. They offer social and emotional learning (SEL) programs for schools, companies and organizations and apparel and merchandise all sporting the Choose To Be Nice message. For more information, please visit www.choosetobenice.com.

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Cold Spring Soccer is currently participating in the Roots Soccer league, and the league imposed stringent restrictions, including requiring face coverings, even while playing. Players are only allowed one spectator per game, and participants in the game must immediately leave the field after the final whistle.

Unlike the modified high school games, players are allowed to have corner kicks, but they must be passed to another player, and cannot be headed toward the goal.

But Mazzaferro said being able to play is the most important part, and the club is thrilled to be back in action after months of being down.

Mazzaferro notes that Cold Spring Soccer Club is celebrating its 26th year of offering the youth of Belchertown the opportunity to play great soccer. Founded in 1994 to provide age appropriate opportunities to learn and play

soccer in an inclusive environment. Cold Spring Soccer Club fosters an effective and durable sense of community where the volunteer coaches are committed to developing the whole player with technical skills, field awareness, personal responsibility, teamwork all while building positive relationships with each player and building a lifelong passion for the game.

He says Cold Spring Soccer is proud to continuously be able to offer soccer to girls and boys teams starting in the second grade through the high school level. In 2020 the CSSC had over 250 athletes and 16 teams. The coaches and board members are 100 percent volunteer and are all certified as required by Mass Youth Soccer Association.

It’s vitally important to the Cold Spring Soccer board that it remains committed to the Belchertown Community. The Club will be expanding their community outreach in several different ways over the upcoming

season. The Club plans to offer training clinics to all the youth of Belchertown starting in pre-k, 1st, 2nd grade and so on. The Club will also offer coaching seminars to current and future coaches.

The success of the club is well-documented as many players have gone on to have brilliant high school and college careers. The Belchertown High School boys soccer team won the state championship last year in Division 3. The girls soccer team has also been a constant in the playoffs as well, and took on Division 1 competition in recent years.

Tim Haley is now the president of the club. He succeeds long time president Mark Caron. Mazzaferro also said the board wants to recognize outgoing members Rui Marques, Kathy Weiss and Chris Rivers for their years of dedication to the Club and the youth of Belchertown. These individuals are leaving the board as their children age out of the program.



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Linnea Anderson sends the ball up the field with Kylee Burnham running next to her.



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and never look back. Ben Byrne, needing desperately to make up big ground on Robie, got up for second on lap 25 but had nothing more for Bleau.

Robie, charging from row five, swiped third from Houle on the final corner of the 40-lapper; more than enough to clinch the 2020 Modified crown. He is currently fourth nationally in NASCAR Division 1 points.

Eleven-time LMS winner Aaron Fellows left Saturday’s feature on the hook before a lap had been completed, the victim of someone else’s blunder. That gave Robert Hagar (Windsor, VT) a chance to close the championship points battle entering the season finale, and Hagar took full advantage of the opening.

Hagar stormed past Justin Littlewood on lap two and roared off to his second win of the summer. Teen star Camdyn Curtis equaled his season’s best in the runner-up slot, and Littlewood came home third.

In the Mini Stock 50-lapper, Cayer took the lead from Nathan Wenzel on lap 12 and quickly social-distanced himself from the pack to score his first Monadnock win of the summer. Louie Maher, the 2019 track titlist, was second, but had nothing for Cayer. Wenzel, strong in third, went home 20 points behind Farnum.

Jeff Asselin, seventh on the night, stayed out of trouble to leapfrog Jake Puchalski for top 2020 Mini Stock rookie honors, taking a two-point advantage in that competition into next Saturday’s season finale. Gordon Farnum (Fitzwilliam, NH) won the 2020 Mini Stock Battle for the Belt Championship.

The hard-charging Curtis twins, Jaret and Chase, came into Saturday’s Street Stock feature tied atop the points parade. Number three man Chris Buffone (Belchertown, Ma) needed a statement run to keep his championship hopes alive, and he accomplished exactly that.

Rocketing into the lead on lap two, Buffone sailed to his third win of the summer, getting the job done with his uncle, Tommy O’Sullivan, glued to his bumper. Last season’s top gun, Dave Greenslit, was strong in third and, at the end of the night, Chase Curtis went home two points ahead of brother Jaret, with Buffone still in the hunt, 28 back.

Firing from row three, C.J. Johnson took control of the Pure Stock feature on lap three and then checked out on the field to

score his first win of the summer. Chris Davis, needing to make big inroads on points leader Mike Douglas, took second on lap five but, with Douglas quickly pulling up to his bumper, could make only a minimal gain.

Douglas enters next Saturday’s Championship Night event 36 points ahead of Davis, who, still mathematically alive in the title hunt, is the only 2019 champion capable of repeating that success.

Monadnock Speedway will conclude its pandemic-abbreviated 2020 racing season when it hosts its annual Championship Night races – with four divisional crowns still undecided, and many extras scheduled - next Saturday, September 26. Post time for that event is 2 p.m.

MONADNOCK SPEEDWAY
SEPTEMBER 19 RESULTS:

Pure Stocks - CJ Johnson, Chris Davis, Mike Douglas, Dylan Adams, Jimmy Zellman, Cory Lofland, JD Stockwell, Nick Houle, Jake Bosse, Jason Leray, Tucker Houle, Ryan Lawliss, Matt Lambert, Trevor Carey, Brandon Lavoie

Late Model Sportsman - Robert Hagar, Camdyn Curtis, Justin Littelwood, John Meany, James Beck, Nancy Muni-Ruot, Chris Balls, Cole Littlewood, Dan Comeau, Ronald Laperche, Aaron Fellows, Tyler Lescord (DNS)

Mini Stocks - Emerson Cayer, Louie Maher, Nathan Wenzel, Kevin Cormier, Gordon Farnum, Pat Houle, Jeff Asselin, Tim Leblanc, Bill Chaffee, Jake Puchalski, Kevin McKnight, Ray King, Dan Sweeney, Kevin Clayton, Matt Sonnhalter, David Thibodeau (DNS)

Mini Stock Battle for the Belt Champion - Gordon Farnum

Street Stocks - Chris Buffone, Tommy O’Sullivan, Dave Greenslit, Mike Radzui, Chase Curtis, Jaret Curtis, Hillary Renaud, Ed Brehio III, Robbie Streeter, Tim Wenzel, Bryan Granger, Paul Barnard (DNS)

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to start the fall season. The Ware Athletic Department is hopefully to develop a plan as the season progresses so some fans can be welcomed back to fields.

The rules will be in place for at least the fall season, and Stratton said unless a specific school makes a more stringent restriction, a limited number of fans will be allowed indoors to watch volleyball games as well.

Stratton said participants in the contests, such as players, coaches, and officials, do not count toward the 50 restriction for gatherings.

The MIAA has set an Oct. 1 date for the start of games. There will be approximately 10 to 12 contests for soccer, field hockey, and girls volleyball, allowing parents approximately 5 to 6 chances to see games this season.

Parents and athletes should check with their specific high school’s athletic department for details on that school’s fan rules.

If you don’t see one of our photographers at a game, please feel free to send your own action photos of games in order to bolster our coverage. If you are interested in regularly submitted photos, please do contact us.

Otherwise, we would love to hear from anyone who reports scores, details, and any milestones that occur during this unprecedented season. Please be sure the information you provide us is accurate and check with coaches, if necessary, before submitting.

We also encourage all coaches to submit their results and details as much as possible. Send any and all information and photos for inclusion to sports@turley.com.

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current outdoor guidelines set by Gov. Charlie Baker.

In many cases, players on individual teams will be given a limited number of passes, likely ranging from 1 to 3 per person, and that player will be allowed to give those passes to family or friends to attend the game. Fans who attend the games must socially distance, stay away from the participants, and wear face coverings in order to watch the games. There also could be restricted areas for seating at game sites.

Those fans will not be permitted to travel to away games and will be turned away by other schools.

There are a few schools, either due to staffing, field configuration, or other factors, that are not allowing any fans at all to games. Ware confirmed last Thursday there will be no fans allowed at games

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upcoming season in order to bring the best coverage we can possibly manage and fill our pages with names and color.

We know that fans will be limited to the home crowds, but that is where you all come in.

We have a limited number of staff to start the school year due to the pandemic, and while we strive to get to as many games as possible, we cannot get to everywhere.

If you are a parent, coach, or even player, and you have information or photographs to share, we definitely want to hear from you.

OBITUARY

Meredith Weiss

BELCHERTOWN – Meredith Weiss, of Belchertown, formerly of Grafton, was born in Boston on June 16, 1951 to Marshall and Mildred (Atkins) Weiss.

A lifelong non-smoker who grew up in an environment of heavy smoking, she succumbed to the effects of lung cancer on Sept. 15.

Her early years were spent in Brockton before the family moved to Wellesley in 1963. She graduated from Wellesley High School in 1969 and then attended Syracuse University before graduating summa cum laude from UMass Amherst. While finishing her Master’s Degree in Anthropology at UMass she began a lifelong commitment to education in the broadest sense by teaching Anthropology classes at Simon’s Rock Early College in Great Barrington. In 1979, she began to teach classes in social sciences at Quinsigamond Community College in Worcester and continued to do so until her death. In addition to teaching, she also spent a number of years working in experience-based education at QCC.

In other roles she worked at Chesterwood in Stockbridge, the Old Manse in Concord, Framingham State University Library, Army Corps of Engineers in Waltham, Worcester Historical Museum and Willard House and Clock Museum in Grafton.

She was passionate about food and was known among family and friends for her “food visions” and baking skills. Art was her other great passion. She enjoyed painting and drawing and taking classes at the Worcester Art Museum of which she was also a member. She also had a great appreciation for nature and loved hiking. The Quabbin Reservoir was a particularly favorite location for her.

She is survived by her husband of 45 years, John H. Belding, son Ethan W. Belding, daughter Sarah Abigail Belding Wojnas and her husband Joseph, and three grandchildren: Lucas, Curtis, and Juliette Wojnas.

Memorial donations may be made to the Food Bank of Western Mass. or Rachel’s Table in Worcester. Funeral arrangements will be private.



Death Notice:

Meredith Weiss
Died Sept. 15, 2020

The Sentinel
OBITUARY
POLICY

Turley Publications offers two types of obituaries.

One is a free, brief **Death Notice** listing the name of deceased, date of death and funeral date and place.

The other is a **Paid Obituary**, costing \$120, which allows families to publish extended death notice information of their own choice and may include a photograph. **Death Notices & Paid Obituaries** should be submitted through a funeral home to: obits@turley.com.

Exceptions will be made only when the family provides a death certificate and must be pre-paid.

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run Hoosier 1320 tires on the left side and Hoosier 1330 tires on the right side. These tires must be purchased at the track from Hoosier Tire East. Teams may register up to six tires and need to have four registered tires on the car for both qualifying and the feature.

Both the 50-lap ACT-Type Late Model Open and the 30-lap 350 Super Modified Open will pay \$2,000 to win and \$300 to start. The Late Model feature has just over \$14,000 in total awards while the 350 Super Modified feature offers nearly \$13,000 in posted awards based on a 30-car starting field.

The Late Model event will use American-Canadian Tour and Thompson Late Model rules. The ACT rule set can be found at www.acttour.com/rules(link is external). Tires for the event must be purchased at the track on race day.

Small Block Super Modified cars must follow Oswego Speedway and Star Speedway rules including the engine rules. Teams will have a two different tire options. They can run Hoosier 10-inch 1057 tires on three corners with the Hoosier 1060 on the right rear or American Racer EC-83 tires on three corners with the American Racer EC-84 on the right rear.

Teams that choose the Hoosier option must buy tires at the track from Hoosier Tire East. For the American Racer option, teams can register up to six tires at \$25 each. Four of the six registered tires must

be on the car at the feature’s conclusion.

The full payouts and other information that has been announced for all World Series open events can be found at www.thompsonspeedway.com, www.acttour.com/thompson-speedway(link is external), or www.proallstarseries.com(link is external). Entry forms for the Tour-Type Modified Open and 350 Super Modified Open are also available on these websites.

A 25-lap open event for 8-cylinder Street Stocks is also slated for the first day of the World Series on Friday, October 9. The rules and payout for this event are expected to be released by the end of the week.

Apart from the Late Models, purses for Thompson Speedway’s local divisions will be the same as at the Thompson 150 on September 3. This includes a \$1,500 winner’s purse for the 30-lap Sunoco Modified feature, \$350 payouts for the Limited Sportsman and SK Light Modified winners, and \$200 for whomever triumphs in the Mini Stock feature. Each purse structure is posted on Thompson Speedway, ACT, and PASS websites.

Advance tickets for the 58th World Series of Speedway Racing are now on sale at https://happsnow.com/event/Thompson-Speedway-Motorsports-Park-YHPQ(link is external). A three-day general admission pass is \$55 for adults and \$15 for kids ages 12 and under. Grandstand attendance is limited to 25 percent of capacity per state requirements. Pit admission is \$75 per person for a three-day pass. Pit pass sales will be at the track on race day only.



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Belchertown
Planning Board

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A public hearing will be held as follows:

Place: Remotely by Planning Board, Belchertown
Date: October 13, 2020
Time: 7:05 PM

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James Natle, Chairman
Planning Board
9/17, 9/24/2020



PUBLIC AUCTION
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Sally Ann Bergmann – M54
Ezekiel Jalloh – SP27

At 10:00 a.m., Saturday, October 10, 2020, at the premises of **SNOW'S SELF STORAGE LLC, 746 Bay Road, Belchertown, MA**, by Warren Schreiber, Auctioneer, as Agent for Snow's Self Storage, LLC.

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9/17, 9/24/2020

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampshire Probate and Family Court
15 Atwood Drive
Northampton, MA 01060
(413)586-8500
Docket No. HS20P0500EA
Estate of:
Sondra Rappaport
Date of Death: 05/27/2020
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by: **Steven F. Landau** of Clifton, NJ requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree

and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Steven F. Landau** of Clifton, NJ and **Joseph Twersky** of Passaic, NJ be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/14/2020.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the

Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. **Linda S Fidnick**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: September 11, 2020
Michael J. Carey
Register of Probate
9/24/2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

T-Mobile USA is proposing to modify an existing wireless telecommunications facility on a proposed water tank located at 18 Park Street, Belchertown, Hampshire County, Massachusetts. The modifications will consist of the collocation of antennas at approximately 110 feet above ground level on the 119 foot tall water tank with associated equipment mounted lower on the tower, as well as the installation of a new battery located at ground level with a proposed equipment area, access easement, and battery cabinet. Any interested party wishing to submit comments regarding the potential effects the proposed facility may have on any historic property may do so by sending such comments to: Project 6120007702 - JD EBI Consulting, 21 B Street, Burlington, MA 01803, or via telephone at 727-332-1595.
9/24/2020

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampshire Division
15 Atwood Drive
Northampton, MA 01060
(413)586-8500
Docket No. HS20P0456EA
Estate of:
Philip P. Riverin
Date of Death:
05/03/2018
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **June A. Pinkos-Riverin** of Murrells Inlet, SC, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

June A. Pinkos-Riverin of Murrells Inlet, SC has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal

Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of asset and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
9/24/2020

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampshire Probate and Family Court
15 Atwood Drive
Northampton, MA 01060
(413)586-8500
Docket No. HS20P0484EA
Estate of:
Mary Ann Carter
Date of Death: 11/03/2018
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

To all Interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Francis Carter** of Belchertown MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Francis Carter** of Belchertown MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve on the bond in an **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/14/2020.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration

is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. **Linda S Fidnick**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: September 06, 2020
Michael J. Carey
Register of Probate
9/24/2020

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampshire Probate and Family Court
15 Atwood Drive
Northampton, MA 01060
(413)586-8500
Docket No. HS20P0498EA
Estate of:
Andrew John Sears
Also known as:
Andrew J. Sears
Date of Death: 10/25/2019
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Marcia Ellen Sears** of Belchertown MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Marcia Ellen Sears** of Belchertown MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/14/2020.**

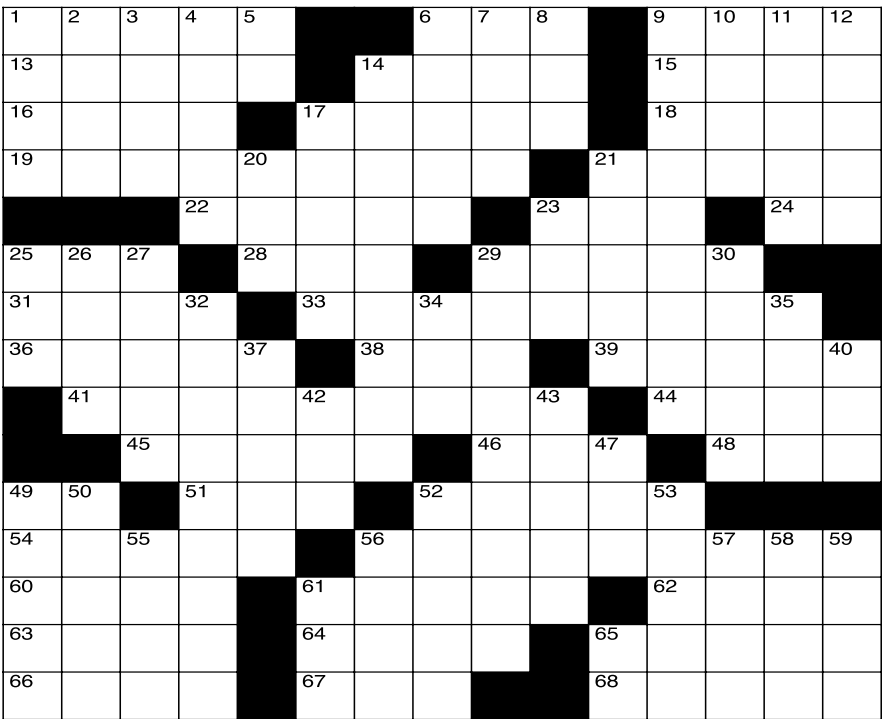
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WITNESS, Hon. **Linda S Fidnick**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: September 10, 2020
Michael J. Carey
Register of Probate
9/24/2020



- CLUES ACROSS**

 - 1. Emaciation
 - 6. Million barrels per day (abbr.)
 - 9. Light dry-gap bridge system (abbr.)
 - 13. Anatomical term
 - 14. Tropical starchy tuberous root
 - 15. Jewish calendar month
 - 16. Round Dutch cheese
 - 17. Western Pacific republic
 - 18. List of foods
 - 19. It can strike the ground
 - 21. Drenches
 - 22. Some are cole
 - 23. ___ Squad
 - 24. Expresses emotion
 - 25. One point east of due south
 - 28. Satisfaction
 - 29. Holds nothing back
 - 31. Top of the body
 - 33. Not well-liked
- 36. Did slowly
 - 38. Greek goddess of the dawn
 - 39. Gland secretion
 - 41. Vital to existence
 - 44. Aristocratic young women
 - 45. Erik __, composer
 - 46. Not young
 - 48. Jewish term for "Sir"
 - 49. Secondary school
 - 51. ___ student: learns to heal
 - 52. Regarding
 - 54. Highly excited
 - 56. Mainly
 - 60. Thin, narrow piece of wood
 - 61. Cakes
 - 62. Biomedical nonprofit
 - 63. Dried-up
 - 64. One who is symbolic of something
 - 65. Body part
 - 66. Muslim ruler
 - 67. Women from
- CLUES DOWN**

 - 1. Not us
 - 2. Helper
 - 3. Bleat
 - 4. Type of chair
 - 5. Jr.'s father
 - 6. Necessary for certain beverages
 - 7. Hillside
 - 8. Dutch painter Gerrit __
 - 9. Gave a new look
 - 10. Ancient Greek City
 - 11. Confidence trick
 - 12. Type of fund
 - 14. From an Asian island
 - 17. Malay boat
 - 20. Western Australia indigenous people
 - 21. Cluster on underside of fern frond
 - 23. You need it to get somewhere
 - 25. The woman
- 26. It may be green
 - 27. Makes less severe
 - 29. One from Beantown
 - 30. Cavalry sword
 - 32. Metric linear unit
 - 34. Hawaiian dish
 - 35. Yokel
 - 37. Dissuade
 - 40. Mutual savings bank
 - 42. ___ Caesar, comedian
 - 43. Primordial matters
 - 47. We all have it
 - 49. Hermann __, author of "Siddhartha"
 - 50. Historic MA coastal city
 - 52. Shady garden alcove
 - 53. Small amount
 - 55. Horse-drawn cart
 - 56. Nocturnal rodent
 - 57. Spiritual leader
 - 58. Air mattress
 - 59. Speaks incessantly
 - 61. Auction term
 - 65. Atomic #62

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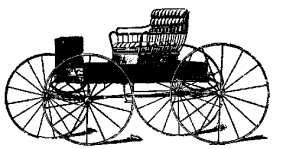
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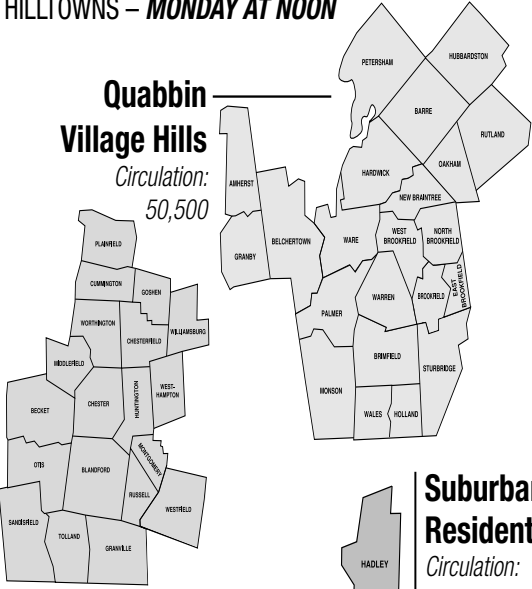
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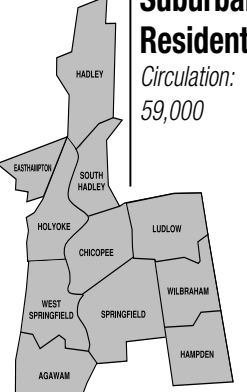
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UMass joins ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge

National initiative seeks 100 percent voter participation by college students in 2020 elections

BOSTON - UMass President Marty Meehan announced today he has joined more than 193 college and university presidents and chancellors committing to 100 percent student voter registration, engagement and turnout through the ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge.

"Voting is one of the most important and fundamental duties we have as members of a democratic society - voting is about being heard and helping to set a course for the future, and I am proud to join with higher education leaders from across the nation in urging every student to make their voices heard in the coming elections," Meehan said.

The ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge is a non-partisan, national initiative recognizing and supporting campuses as they work to increase student engagement in the election process. The Challenge encourages higher education institutions to help students form the habits of active and informed citizenship and make democratic participation a core value.

More than 680 campuses have now joined ALL IN since

its launch in summer 2016. The higher education leaders pledging to increase civic engagement on their campuses represent 49 states and the District of Columbia, historically black colleges and universities, community colleges and other two-and four-year institutions, with a reach of more than 7.5 million students.

College students in particular have voted at one of the lowest rates of any group in the United States. By signing the ALL IN pledge President Meehan has committed the UMass system to working with the Amherst, Boston, Dartmouth, Lowell, and Medical School campuses to encourage civic learning and lifelong voting habits. President Meehan discussed voting as "best way to be heard and to bring about change" in a commentary posted on Medium today.

"We are mounting a collaborative effort to ensure that the 70,000 students of the University of Massachusetts participate in this process," Meehan noted. "This is about the paramount importance of voting and of establishing a commitment to lifelong democratic engagement. We are mounting a strictly non-partisan effort. This isn't about advocacy for any candidate or party -- it's about democracy."

The ALL IN Challenge is supporting the Boston Votes initiative endorsed by Boston Mayor Marty Walsh as part

of the Civic Cities initiative. Fall 2020 plans include a set of virtual voter registration and turnout parties focused around National Voter Registration Day on Sept. 22 and Vote Early Day on Oct. 24.

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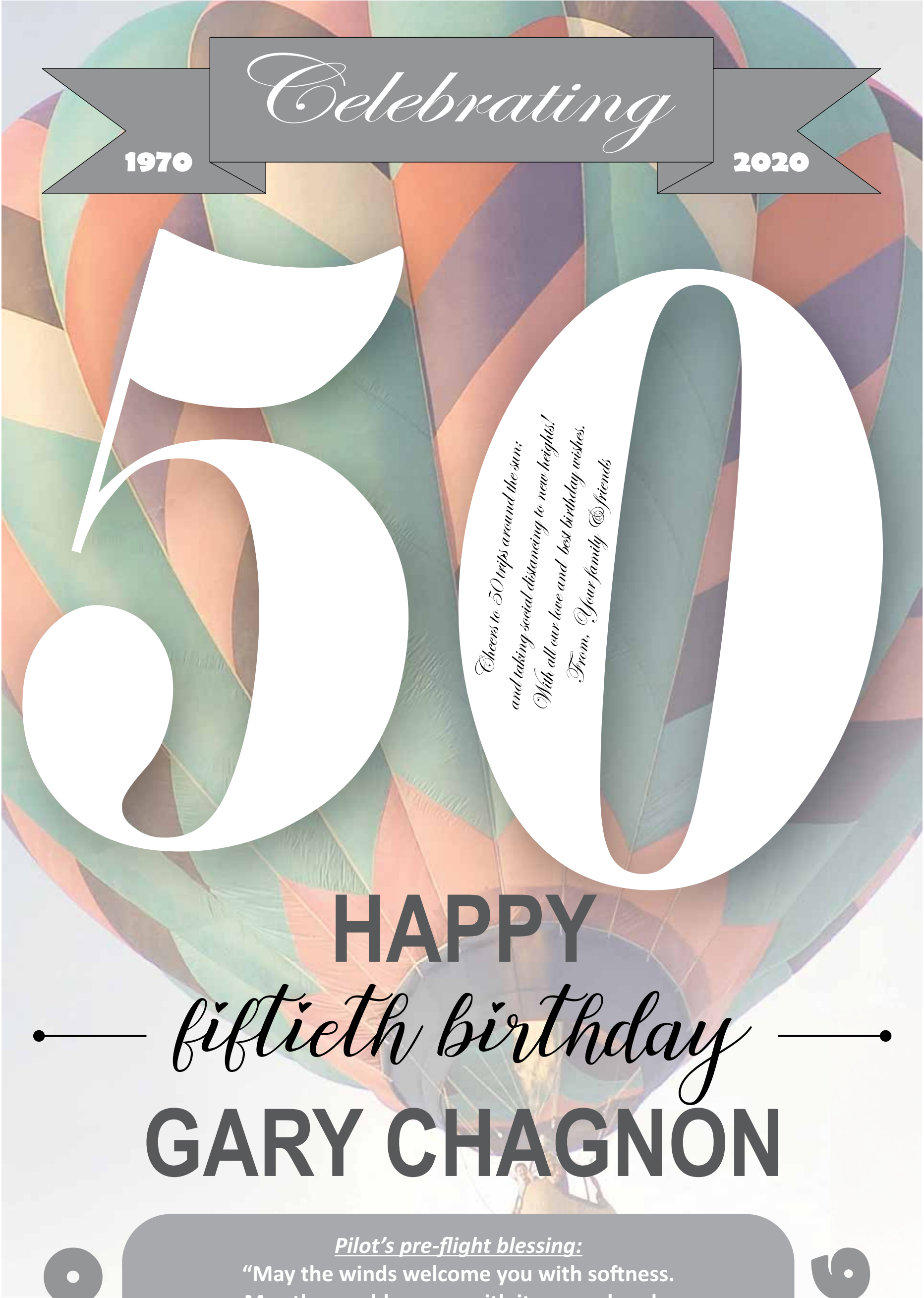
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